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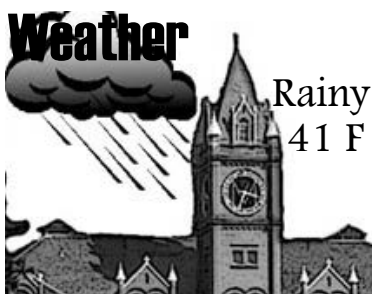
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Ads garner award for University

EMILY DARRELL
MONTANA KAIMIN

In a field of approximately 1,200 colleges and universities around the nation, the University of Montana beat out the rest in the Admissions Marketing Report Advertising Awards Competition for its 2006 television advertisements.

The competition awards only one bronze, one silver and one gold for each category in each of the divisions, which are based on school type and size. UM took the gold.

Rita Munzenrider, UM's director of University Relations, said that UM should be particularly proud of the win because the school was competing against bigger-budget universities whose commercials were produced by top New York and Los Angeles advertising agencies.

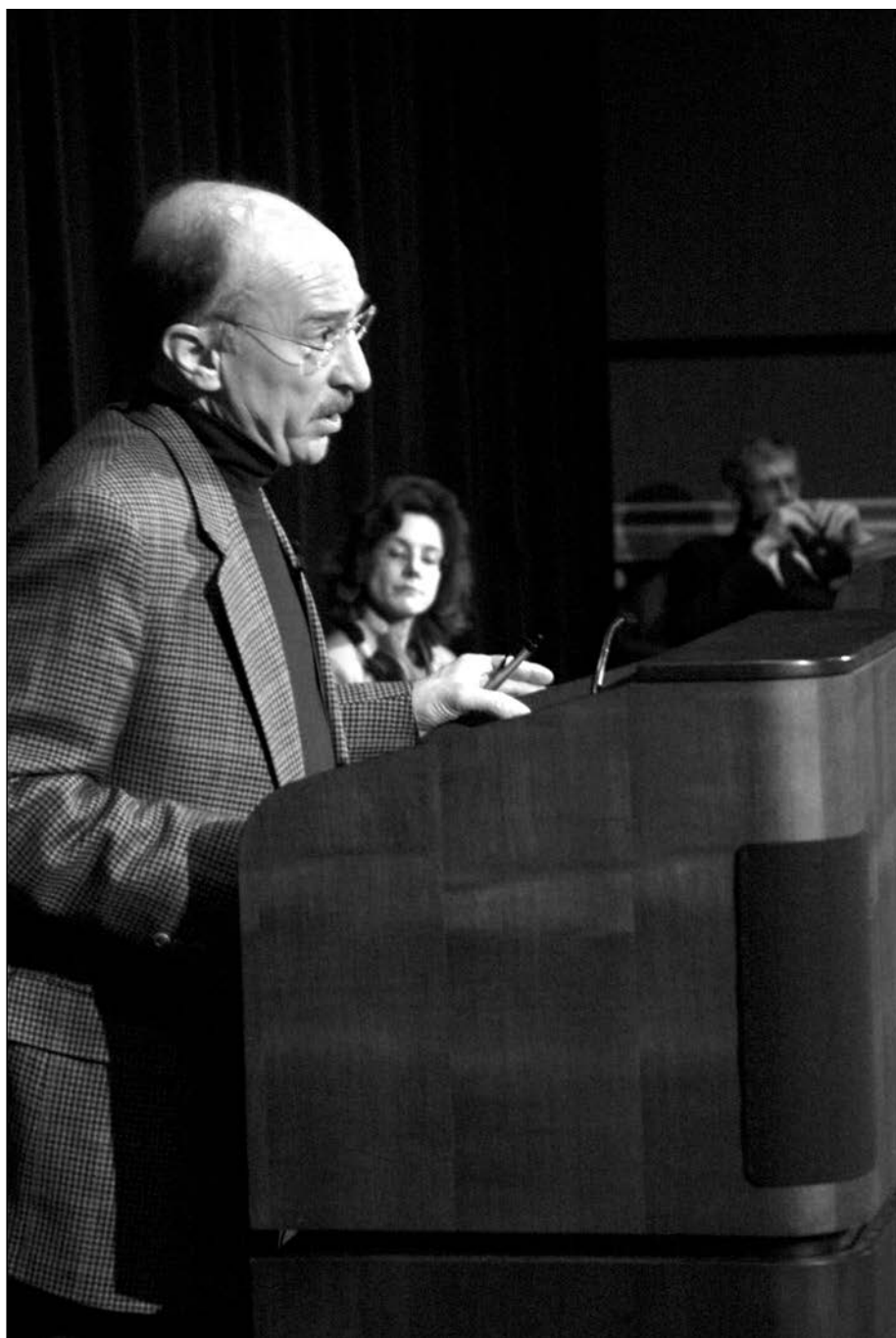
The UM ads, which featured faculty members from the Fine Arts, Chemistry, Biology, Pharmacy and Business departments, were produced by the Montana-based Chisel Industries.

"These ads were done with lots of folks on campus working together: deans, faculty, staff, students," said Jim Foley, UM's executive vice president.

The commercials, which aired on various cable networks during Griz football and basketball games last fall, "were made to

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Academic Freedom



Ashley McKee/Montana Kaimin

Roger Bower, General Secretary of the American Association of University Professors, speaks during an academic debate titled, "Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy" Wednesday at the UC Theatre. He debated with Anne Neal, president of the American Council of Trustees and Alumni. President George Dennison moderated and sponsored the debate.

Dennison hosts debate

MIKE GERRITY
MONTANA KAIMIN

In a debate sponsored and moderated by University of Montana President George Dennison, representatives from two academic organizations exchanged barbs Wednesday evening over academic freedom at universities.

The heated debate was timely, as the Montana Legislature is considering a bill that would require professors to state their political affiliations. Although House Bill 525 did not specifically come up during the debate, the discussion dealt with many of the same issues.

The debate centered on institutional autonomy, the philosophy that universities should not be influenced by outside interests. Similarly, House Bill 525 would

restrict university professors from expressing their opinions until first ensuring that students were exposed to a range of other opinions.

Roger Bower, general secretary of the American Association of University Professors, accused the American Council of Trustees and Alumni of trying to shape curriculum with their "extremist agenda."

"I think ACTA is sending this message to the public that their purpose is to shape public opinion and create a public opinion that is not favorable towards faculty," Bower said. "Not just public opinion, but political opinion and congressional opinion as well."

Anne Neal, president of the ACTA, rejected Bowers' comments while claiming that Bower assumed academic freedom is a "God-given right."

"What he is prescribing is not institutional autonomy. He is prescribing freedom from accountability," Neal said.

But Bower also said that the AAUP and the ACTA share some common ground regarding the current state of higher education.

"Both organizations believe students have the right to learn without fear of being punished by their professors if their views are different from a faculty member," Bower said, likely in reference to House Bill 525.

President Dennison said he felt that the discussion was necessary.

"I think these are issues that have commanded attention all across the country. We ought to be talking about these kinds of issues," Dennison said.

Fixed dates lead to fewer GREs

BRETT THOMAS-DEJONGH
MONTANA KAIMIN

After July 31 of this year, taking the Graduate Record Examination in Montana could be a logistical headache.

Testing centers worldwide will stop administering the test on an individual appointment basis. Beginning this summer, tests will be given on fixed dates and times, as mandated by Educational Testing Services, which owns the GRE.

Graduate schools nationwide use an applicant's GRE scores as a tool to make admission decisions, and in most cases applicants are required to submit scores.

The move to a fixed schedule will dramatically cut the number of exams that testing centers can administer.

According to Mike Heuring, director of Career Services, the testing center at UM has given an average of 559 tests per year for the last three years. Under the new system of 29 test dates per year, UM's testing center will be able to administer a maximum of 174 tests, Heuring said.

"For me this creates a problem," Heuring said. "We just won't be able to offer the number of tests that we've historically given."

Testing Services, which has six testing stations, is the only place in Missoula to take the GRE. And there are few testing sites in Montana. Missoula, Billings, Helena and Bozeman are the only cities with testing centers.

Valerie Marsh, manager of Testing Services, said she has contacted the other testing sites in the state and none of them are in the process of expanding their facilities.

Heuring said that UM is looking at expanding Testing Services, but that no decision has been made.

With each site able to administer fewer tests, would-be graduate students may have to travel farther to find an open seat.

"The question is, how far will I have to travel and at what expense?" Heuring said.

According to a Feb. 8 press release, ETS is moving the GRE to fixed dates and times to prevent cheating. Dawn Piacentino, ETS associate director of the GRE program, said ETS discovered incidents of cheating at several testing centers in Asia in 2003 and real-

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EDITORIAL***Revoking financial aid for drug charges
may be more problem than solution***

University students applying for federal financial aid who have gotten in trouble with the law for drug possession face a quandary: How should they answer question 31 on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, which asks, “Have you ever been convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs?”

Since the Aid Elimination Act passed in 1998, a “yes” answer to this question may cause the student to lose eligibility for any financial aid for a year or more. But lie and enter a “no” on the application and, as an article in Tuesday’s Kaimin explained, access to financial aid may be yours without consequence.

The Department of Education’s verification system “is based entirely on students’ responses; those who say they haven’t been convicted remain eligible, while those who say they have a drug conviction might lose eligibility,” the article stated.

But, when weighing their options students should be wary: lying on the FAFSA is a federal crime punishable by jail time, a fine of up to \$20,000, or both.

Chances are a dishonest student won’t get caught, but civil disobedience isn’t how students should solve this dilemma.

As UM’s director of financial aid Mick Hanson suggested, checking “no” could come back to haunt graduates applying for federal jobs, and legal channels can be followed to regain aid and alleviate worries later in life. In many cases, students can become eligible again if they complete drug rehabilitation courses.

For students who oppose the law, joining the active forces trying to repeal the act is the safest and most beneficial way to effect change.

A minor drug charge may not be worth losing chances at a college education, but illegally gaining financial aid isn’t worth large fines or jail time.

– Keriann Lynch,
news editor

GUEST COLUMN***Foresters take ax to Kaimin coverage of Ball***

We would like to take this opportunity to respond to the coverage of the 90th Foresters’ Ball by the Montana Kaimin. It is clear that the Kaimin staff is uninformed on the purposes that drive the Foresters’ Ball as well as the effort that goes into planning and executing the event. Furthermore, we found the content of Ian Graham’s article to be less than objective. Finally, we do not see any need for the use of explicit language, no matter what the situation or quote.

The Foresters’ Ball is a 90-year-old tradition that was originally, and still is, a scholarship fundraiser for students who volunteer their time, regardless of their major or departmental affiliation. Past figures for total annual scholarships awarded have been in excess of \$6,000. In recent years, the Foresters’ Ball has helped raise money for other student organizations. The Wildlife Society uses money raised while operating the jail at the Ball to attend statewide conferences. For Kappa Kappa Gamma, providing services at the chapel is their biggest fundraiser of the year. The sorority donates the profits to the Camp-Mak-A-Dream Foundation. This year, the Foresters’ Ball increased the organizations that benefit from the proceeds to include the Humane Society of Western Montana, donating nearly \$400 in pet supplies and money.

The Foresters’ Ball is a themed dance. However, within that theme, it offers an experience that is entirely unique to Missoula, the state of Montana and to my knowledge, the rest of the world. For nearly a year, the student committee responsible for hosting the upcoming Ball enlists the help of other students, alumni, and the western Montana community. Without the support of these individuals and businesses, the Foresters’ Ball would not be possible. Thousands of person-hours are donated to ensure the success of the ball, as well as service and material donations from local businesses that are used in producing the Foresters’ Ball. Keeping this community-based attitude, the Foresters’ Ball has consistently elected to hire local musicians to provide the entertainment, even if they are a “country-rock bar band.”

All of this effort culminates in two nights of celebration on the largest dance floor in Montana.

We found the actual content and tone of Mr. Graham’s article jaded and biased, in addition to uninteresting and off-topic. First, his comment, “I sure will,” regarding the invitation to “have a ball” suggested a distinct tone of sarcasm and a pre-determined, negative attitude about the Foresters’ Ball. This approach continued throughout the rest of the article, likening the event to “a high school dance.” Second, devoting an entire column of the article to describe the experiences of his extremely intoxicated friends the previous evening was inappropriate and unnecessary. Despite popular opinion, the Foresters’ Ball is not “a big drunk-fest.” Individuals like Richard and Ryan exhibited exactly the behavior that is discouraged by the Foresters’ Ball and the University of Montana.

Finally, the excessive use of profanity in the article was needless, immature, and unprofessional. There was no need to spell out each word in its entirety when used as a quote. In referencing quotes, there are many other adjectives that could be used to effectively describe any of the situations Mr. Graham chose to portray. Frankly, there is no need for this kind of journalism on a college campus.

As current and former members of the Foresters’ Ball Committee, we find it unfortunate that Mr. Graham did not “have a ball.” However, we would like to extend our deepest thanks to all of the members of the community who supported the Foresters’ Ball with time, materials, services, and most importantly, those who attended the 90th Foresters’ Ball. We’ll see you all next year!

Alex Williams,
senior, resource conservation
Chief Push, 88th Foresters’ Ball

Leah Jones,
senior, resource management
Chief Push, 90th Foresters’ Ball

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Don’t judge based on looks

In reference to Pat Duganz’s Feb. 6 column (“Please, no, don’t ‘look’ at me, I’m too sober!”) in which he stated, “I made a bad choice the other night. No, it wasn’t hooking up with a fat girl. I was too sober for that,” I would like to say to Mr. Duganz: We are all attracted to different things, and entitled to those preferences. Your statements imply that certain people – because of one characteristic, weight – are objectively or inherently unattractive and therefore less valuable. The comments are hurtful, unimaginative, and, I would argue, inaccurate.

In your past columns, you have made a target of yourself as well as others, and your commentary has often been funny. However, it surprised me that you would, having written a column about once being overweight yourself, be so quick to use the language that you did in your most recent column. It requires little imagination to rephrase and reinforce an unspo-



ken cultural rule valuing perceived beauty over other qualities. Moreover, while the idea of “beauty” that we each have may vary, it is overwhelmingly influenced by external and ever-changing factors. I don’t know what your specific parameters are for calling someone “fat,” but I suspect that yours, mine, and all of our perceptions have a lot to do with TV, movies, models and marketing, and that they do not lean in the direction of objective truth.

The point is, don’t get with people you don’t find attractive, that’s cool. But there’s no value and no real logic in putting down the people who don’t meet your unoriginal standards.

“Ummm, so how does all this

affect me?” you may be asking yourself. Well, by judging people based solely on their appearances, you may be limiting yourself to knowing only people who view the world as narrowly as you do (which isn’t going to help you find more social satisfaction anytime soon). And while I, for one, wouldn’t write a guy off because he’s fat or thin or short or tall, I would never even consider hooking up with, dating or giving the time of day to a guy who talks about other people the way you did in your column.

And if you’re just too troubled by the whole situation – people are ugly, it’s no fun not to drink, and you’re sitting in the ‘shittiest bar in the history of man’ on a Saturday night – maybe it’s time to put less energy into complaining about it and more into finding other things to do.

– Mary Rizos,
graduate student
School of Journalism

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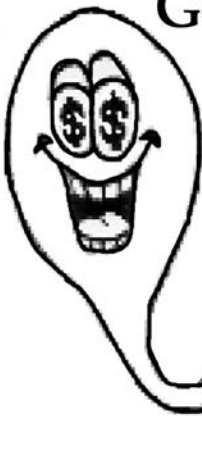
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ASUM passes student wage increase resolution

ASHLEY ZUELKE
MONTANA KAIMIN

The ASUM Senate passed a resolution supporting the continual increase of student employees' wages at their Wednesday evening meeting.

By an 18-3 vote, ASUM carried a resolution that ties ASUM student employees' pay increases to increases in the state's minimum wage. State minimum wage changes due to annual cost of living adjustments.

ASUM President Andrea Helling said the measure is part of ASUM's mission to help students "in all aspects of their lives."

"The resolution makes us the place where students want to work," Helling said.

Sens. Jose Diaz, Allie Harrison and Scott Gauthier opposed the resolution because they felt it was not the present senate's duty to make decisions for future ASUM senators. Gauthier also disagreed with the resolution because he disagreed with its wording.

Harrison said the resolution was arbitrary and wage increases should be passed in "a more fiscally responsible way."

According to the resolution, if student wages are above the new minimum wage, changes will go into affect at the beginning of a fiscal year; if student wages are below the minimum wage, the pay hikes would go into effect immediately.

ASUM also unanimously passed a resolution opposing

House Bill 525, which proposes an academic Bill of Rights to promote intellectual diversity and require professors to declare political affiliation.

Sen. Eric Schultz, the author of the resolution, said that HB 525 is an "ambiguous bill" that seems to protect the rights of students and professors, but means the opposite.

The bill, Sen. Schultz said, "would create a burden that would restrict thought and ideas in classrooms."

For example, HB 525 would prohibit professors from expressing their opinions before ensuring their students had been exposed to other opinions.

"Freedom of speech is essential to education," Schultz said.

Sen. Dustin Leftridge, a sponsor of the resolution, said the bill is "a camouflaged monster."

Schultz called the bill "a ruse," and said it is "an attempt to overlook the issue of educational funding."

Over half of the senate will testify against the bill on Friday at its hearing before the House Education Committee in Helena.

Also, Neal DuBois, a second-year law student and president of the Native American Law Student Association, introduced himself to the senate as an applicant for the open student regent position.

DuBois said he is a good candidate because he can relate to many students. He said he will work hard for students, and has "a style of taking things head-on and getting things on the table."

GRE

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ized that cheating posed a risk to the test's integrity.

The GRE's current format presents the test taker with questions selected at random from pools of questions grouped by difficulty. For example, if a test taker is doing well, the computer will prompt him or her with questions of high difficulty as long as he or she continues to answer the difficult questions correctly. Thus the test adapts to the skill of the test taker to more accurately determine a score.

To prevent cheating, different versions of the test will be administered on different scheduled testing days.

Moving to fixed dates and times will minimize the potential for cheating, Heuring said.

Changes in ETS policy may ease the burden on the testing centers.

"(ETS is) aware of access issues. We are adding test dates between September and December," Piacentino said. "We have heard from many institutions and we're considering options like laptop-based testing sites and paper-based testing."

UM administrators are discussing how best to adapt to the changes in the GRE.

"We are looking at a variety of options," said Teresa Branch, vice president for Student Affairs. "For the welfare and convenience of students, we would like to find a solution to this change in the testing industry."

Ads

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appeal to a broad audience," Munzenrider said. The ads appeared throughout Montana. During the playoff football game against the University of Massachusetts they appeared nationally on ESPN.

"We've gotten incredible feedback from people of all ages, and our alumni have absolutely loved them," Munzenrider said.

The ads were made to appeal

not just to potential students, said Foley, but to alumni, potential donors and policymakers.

Foley said UM and Chisel Industries plan to make more commercials, though they are waiting for the arrival of spring for a better filming atmosphere.

The new commercials will feature more female faculty, Foley said, as well as extracurricular outdoor activities such as kayaking and skiing.

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The "Scholarship" games are as follows:

Lady Griz

Thursday, February 15, 7:05pm vs. Weber St.

Sunday, February 18, 2:05pm vs. Idaho St.

Thursday, March 1, 7:05pm vs. Sacramento St.

Griz

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Thursday, February 22, 7:05pm vs. Northern Arizona

Saturday, February 24, 7:05pm vs. Northern Colorado



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GLIMPSES OF GHANA: AN INTRODUCTION

A year to celebrate – Ghana at 50

I am Shane McMillan, and this semester I am going to try to give you a glimpse into a world few have ever seen. I have been in Ghana for four weeks now, but I cannot pretend to be an expert. For as much as I have experienced here, there is so much more I have not.

Since gaining its full independence in March of 1957, Ghana has been a dynamic player in

African politics and society. It is a nation that is in the grasp of globalization, a country where poverty and wealth thrive. It is a place of culture, mystery and adventure.

My hope is that I can show you some of the many sides of a nation with growing pains. It isn't all poor people and mass underdevelopment. It's not a mass of people living under a

tyrannical system. It is very different from the world we Americans know. I aim to shed light not only on our differences, but our similarities. Through that I hope we can all learn a thing or two.

Ghana is just one African nation. Africans are not a homogeneous group. In fact there may be more variations of people and culture on this continent than our own.

My hope for this column is that you may see Africa in a way that westerners don't often see it. It is sometimes hard for us to move beyond the aesthetic of a place and see places for what they are, but I am going to attempt that for the sake of this column and its viewers.

Soon I will also have an interactive blog-site where you can see more photos and learn even

more about Ghana and West Africa. Watch the pages of the Kaimin for that as well in the coming weeks.

My hope is that you will enjoy the articles and images I present you with this semester, and that you take with it a new concept of the world and its people.

Until soon,
Shane McMillan

Tourism in a land with few tourists

A group of American exchange students walk suspended canopy bridges of Kakum Nature Park not far from Cape Coast. One of Ghana's few eco-tourism sites, the bridges were built by a small group of Ghanaians and Canadians for butterfly research in the 1990s. With the research completed, the researchers turned it over the park to be used as an attraction.

Though the park is just 14 square kilometers, it is one of the region's last pieces of virgin rainforest. Colonialism, urbanization and a healthy logging industry hasn't always been good to the forests in Ghana. Since Ghana's independence, the government has attempted to preserve places like Kakum and Mole Game Reserve in the northern reaches of the country.

Still, unlike some other African nations, Ghana hasn't yet cashed in on eco-tourism, or tourism in general. Although many contend that it is one of West Africa's most beautiful countries, the tourism industry has not taken off. Much of that may be due to Ghanaians disinterest in tourism themselves. Ghanaian tour guide Ne Papa says most Ghanaians aren't really attracted to sightseeing or travel. When asked, many will say they don't really see the point of going to look at things.

Foreign tourists are often drawn to former slave castles built by Europeans along the coast, to weaving villages, wood carving villages, large markets, a few established culture centers, a handful of nature reserves and some historic places in the capitol, Accra. Many of these sites have some displays and tourist oriented activities, but there aren't many and they are often quite simple.

With an influx of tourists for the country's 50th anniversary of independence in March, many sites are stocking up. Most hotels in the urban centers are booked up and places in central Accra are getting a new coat of paint, Ne Papa said.

Though Ghanaians might not be hitting the roads in droves, the industry is growing. Many young Ghanaians are interested in working in the hospitality industry, and a fledgling travel industry is beginning to capitalize on interest in places like London and New York. Ghana's main university and some other institutions even feature classes on hospitality services, Ne Papa said.

With a growing economy and a nation renowned for its beauty, Ghana is starting cash. The coming weeks will see a wave of returning expatriates and foreigners, many of whom will test its tourism industry and take home with them a little bit of Ghana.

Shane McMillan is a sophomore majoring in photojournalism.



Photo by Shane McMillan

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Story and photos
by Hugh Carey

Nikko props her ears up as she hears the familiar engine sound in the distance. The bright orange school bus appears, and she starts whining in anticipation. As soon as the driver opens the door, she bounds onto the bus.

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Top: The pack runs wild while Go Fetch hiker Brandon Salayi follows during the hike up Pattee Canyon. Bottom left: Kenai was noticeably shy before she got on the bus in the morning. Once she set foot in the mountains, she let loose and was very excited to be outside. Bottom right: Dog treats made by Go Fetch share a Valentine's Day theme with the frosting made out of cream cheese and white chocolate.

Mansfield Center helps with Japanese legal reform

JACOB BAYNHAM
MONTANA KAIMIN

The Japanese government is putting forward plans to reform its legal system that has conducted trials without juries for the past 60 years, and the University of Montana's Mansfield Center is offering its resources to help.

By 2009, the proposed judicial changes, known as the "saiban-in," will bring six ordinary Japanese citizens into the courtroom to sit on a jury with three professional judges for serious criminal trials concerning offenses like murder. Since World War II, a panel of three judges was responsible for dealing out sentences and punishments.

Historically, these judges have not been lenient on defendants, said UM law professor Jim Taylor.

"If you get indicted or charged there, the conviction rate is in excess of 99 percent," said Taylor, who is also the co-director of the Mansfield Juries and Democracy Program, created to help reform Japan's criminal justice system.

Japan's reform process began in

2001 at the urging of Japanese business leaders concerned with the judicial incompetence that was rife in Japan in the 1990s.

In 2005, a delegation of lawyers came to visit New York City and met Robert Precht, a public defender there. Once the lawyer for Mohammad Salameh, a defendant in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing case, Precht was well versed in the difficulties of establishing fair trials for defendants. Precht was eager to help, and baffled that no U.S. universities had offered assistance. He enlisted the Mansfield Center, which he had learned about in Japan, and the project began.

But it is still uncertain as to what capacity the Mansfield Center will be helping Japan's Ministry of Justice.

"So much in Japan depends on relationships," Precht said. "Our first step is relationship building."

In recent visits to Japan, Precht, Taylor and Mansfield Center director Terry Weidner have established relationships with members of Japan's Supreme Court and Ministry of Justice. But UM

Defending Mohammad: Reflections on the first World Trade Center Bombing Trial

Robert Precht will be giving a talk today (Thursday) at 4:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the University of Montana School of Law on his experiences defending Mohammad Salameh, a defendant in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

involvement – and the reform in general – may be a while in coming.

"Things happen at a different pace in Japan," Taylor said. "It's a lot more formal."

Japan does have a history with trials by jury. Between the 1920s and the 1940s, citizen juries were used in the court system, though they were comprised of only wealthy men. Then World War II happened, sapping the nation's reserve of jurors. After the bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the U.S. military

occupied Japan, the jury system was abandoned.

"We did away with it when we re-wrote their constitution in the 1940s," Taylor said. "It wasn't the Japanese that did it, it was (General) MacArthur."

The Mansfield Center faces significant challenges in its assistance. For the past 60 years, the Japanese legal system has involved written documents, and trials would last months or sometimes years. The new system would introduce oral legal argument into Japanese courts for the first time. Lawyers must be trained to use these techniques. Similarly, prospective citizen jurors must be trained to be part of a decision-making jury. This presents major cultural differences between the American and the Japanese legal system.

"Traditionally in Japan, people think more as a group than they do here," Taylor said. "We're individualists."

Taylor said citizen jurors must be trained to be able to rule against the jury's three professional judges, if they deem it necessary.

Japan has 22,000 lawyers in the country, Taylor said, a relatively small number. Not all of these would be able to benefit from training in English, so the Mansfield Center envisions training a group of Japanese lawyers to teach others.

"They will make of it what they make of it," Weidner said. "Our personal interests are in things that reflect our own interests in fairly defending defendants."

Weidner sees a possibility of the Mansfield Center earning revenue from their participation in the project, in addition to the prestige of being involved in an important East Asian development. Weidner said if they are successful in Japan, the Center may consider helping Korea and China with legal reform.

Precht stressed the importance of keeping the control of the reform in the hands of the Japanese.

"We have to respect that this is not an American jury system," he said. "We've worked incredibly hard not to come on as a hard sell, that our system is the best."

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Hilliard well on his way to recovery

PETE DELMOE
MONTANA KAIMIN

Last August University of Montana senior running back Lex Hilliard was doing a routine drill that he had done thousands of times over his career. As he came out of his stance – SNAP! Season over.

The two-time all-Big Sky Conference selection had ruptured his left Achilles tendon in one of the first practices of the season. Hilliard was a finalist the year before for the Walter Payton award, given annually to the best player in Division I-AA football, and was thought to be a strong candidate for the upcoming season.

But all of the sudden, it was all gone.

"You can feel your Achilles isn't there and I knew I was done for the season," said Hilliard, who rushed for 1,322 yards and 12 touchdowns in the 2005 season.

"The pain was one thing, but the thing that hurt the worst was knowing that I wasn't going to play."

Hilliard, who played in 2003 as a true freshman, redshirted the 2006 season. He had surgery the day after his injury and soon began his long road back to the field. He started physical therapy the next week and did his best to keep his spirits up.

"There were moments where I was like, 'Man, am I ever going to get back out there?'" he said.

Hilliard was on crutches for about a month and a half, which took some getting used to since he had never suffered a serious injury before. The star athlete now needed his friends to go with him to go shopping to help push the shopping cart around.

However, Hilliard said the hardest part was game days.

"It was real hard at times," he said. "The first time it really set in

was when the guys were coming out of the tunnel because to me that's when a team bonds (is) at the tunnel."

Despite the tough times, Hilliard knew that the injury was just a roadblock and that he would eventually be back. It took a little help from someone to put things into perspective for him.

"I tore my Achilles and there's this guy in a wheelchair that can't even walk ... and he's sitting there telling me, 'It's going to be all right,' that I'll be able to get back out there and look at him, knowing he's never going to be able to walk again."

"I mean just seeing that right there, you just got to take a step back and look at it. Shoot, I'm complaining about this injury that I got because I got to wait a year so I can run again. He'd trade places with me in a heartbeat. Just be fortunate for what you got."

Fortunately for Hilliard, the

worst is behind him and he is starting to get back to the old Hilliard that Griz fans are used to seeing terrorizing opponents. He said he expects to be back to 100 percent by the beginning of the summer. UM strength coach Mike Gerber expects the same.

"We're still being a little conservative with some of the things, but he has a good range of motion and his strength is super," Gerber said. "Everything seems to be in order for him to come back and have a great year."

While rehabbing the injury, Hilliard said he has worked hard and has even tried some unusual methods to try and get back on the field faster, such as acupuncture in his left leg.

"When I got hurt I was willing to try anything," said Hilliard, who needs only 1,187 yards next year to move into first on Montana's all-time rushing list.

The bewildering part for

Hilliard and some of the training staff is the severity of the injury for someone his age. Most Achilles tendon ruptures occur in people 30 to 50 years old who are recreational athletes, not collegiate athletes in their early 20s.

Regardless, there's no changing the past, and Hilliard's coaches and teammates are happy they get their him back for another season.

"He's a special guy," said UM junior offensive tackle Cody Balogh. "They don't make them like him, not many out there."

There might be some pressure on Hilliard to come out and prove he's the same back that gained him star status, but he says the past is just that and he's just worried about the present.

"What I've done is behind me now," he said. "It's all about what I got to do in front of me now because it doesn't matter what I've done; it's about what I can do."

Lady Griz look to stay on top of conference, avenge only league loss

SARAH SWAN
MONTANA KAIMIN

With first place in the Big Sky Conference on the line, the University of Montana women's basketball team is ready to take on its biggest challenge yet in the form of the Weber State Wildcats.

"I think that Weber's going to come and play us really tough in our house, and we're just going to have to be ready for it," UM sophomore guard Mandy Morales said. "They're a really good team and we are, too, so I think it's going to be a really good game."

On Jan. 20, Weber State handed Montana (22-2 overall, 10-1 BSC) its only conference loss to date, scoring 64 points to Montana's 49.

Since then, Montana has been on a six-game winning streak, averaging 79 points per game.

"We didn't really show them what we have (the last game), so hopefully we'll be a little bit different team than we were the first time around," UM head coach Robin Selvig said.

Chelsey Warburton, a senior guard, is averaging 17 points per game and is coming off a 31-point

performance against Portland State on Saturday. The last time Warburton played with Montana, she scored 26 points.

Warburton is also the team leader in three-pointers, shooting an average of .379 percent for the season.

"Warburton's having some huge nights, and we need to do a good job on her. She's going to get some points, she's a heck of a player but we don't want her to have one of those big shooting nights," Selvig said.

Not to be outdone by Warburton is Montana's Morales. Averaging 20.6 points per game, Morales shoots a .421 three-point percentage and leads the Big Sky with 165 assists.

"I think (Warburton and Morales are) different players. Mandy handles the ball more and creates a lot for other people and scores for herself," Weber State head coach Carla Taylor said. "I think Mandy's key to their team. Chelsey's just more of our scorer. I think Montana just asks Mandy to do a lot of things and she's capable of doing that."

Weber also has some key rebounding strength down in the paint that threatens to muddle Montana's defense.

Wildcat junior forward Sara Tuomi, a Billings native, is averaging 6.8 rebounds per game to go with her 14.2 points. Senior forward Shantee Releford is another dominant Weber player in the post, averaging 6.3 rebounds per game.

"They're definitely just a tough team overall; they have really great defense and they post up so hard, which really makes them a force underneath," UM sophomore forward Britney Lohman said.

With losses to Idaho State and Northern Arizona in the last month, WSU (15-10 overall, 10-2 BSC) is currently a half a game behind Montana in the conference standings. Tonight's game could very well be the deciding factor in who gets to host the Big Sky Conference tournament.

"It's obviously a big game for both of us, and I think it will be a hard fought battle," Taylor said.

With such high stakes in play,



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Sophomore forward Britney Lohman, left, drives the ball through Mandy Morales, right, and Tamara Guardipee, center, during practice in Dahlberg Arena Wednesday. The Lady Griz will play Weber State Thursday at 7 p. m.

Selvig said this is the time that is most exciting for Montana.

"You play all year and you want to be in the hunt down the stretch, and that's what we hope to be," Selvig said. "It won't cinch anything for anybody because there's more games to be played, but certainly if we can get (Weber), then

we've got two games on them. If they beat us, then they've got a sweep on us. So, if you look at the conference standings, it's a pretty critical game."

The Lady Griz face off against Weber State Thursday at 7 p.m. at Dahlberg Arena.



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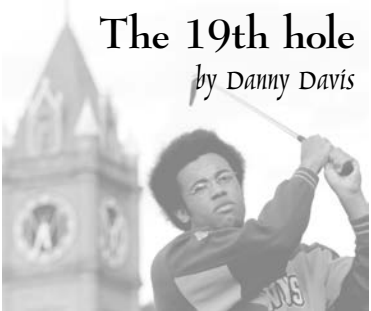
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Quick and easy nicknames for UM's top student-athletes

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A Plea Bargaining Note: Why must you be everywhere, Beyonce? First you're all over MTV, then you're on the red carpet at the Golden Globes and now you're on the cover of Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue? If I buy one of your crappy albums, will you quit haunting my dreams?

Believe it or not, Matt Dlouhy is not a doctor.
This statement may come as a shock to some Grizzly fans, who know Dlouhy, a senior forward on the University of Montana men's basketball team, as "Doc Dlouhy." That's how he is referenced every time he steps onto the Dahlberg Arena floor.
One could assume that Dlouhy got this nickname because of his ability to do everything from launching three-pointers to driving the lane to throwing down a monstrous dunk or two. Of course, someone in the UM athletic department decided to apparently compare Dlouhy's athleticism with the skills of one Julius Erving. For those of you who don't know anything about basketball (which makes me all the more flattered that you are still reading this article), Erving was a high-flying guard for the Philadelphia 76ers in the 1970s and 80s who earned the nickname

"Dr. J" for, among other things, his highlight reel dunks.
Now while Dlouhy is a nice player, he is no Dr. J. But that's how nicknames go, given out to athletes like Costco samples by the likes of teammates, PA



announcers and journalists. Sadly, most of the time these nicknames are given without any rhyme or reason: Dlouhy isn't even studying pharmacy or something medicine related for God's sake, he's a business major.
Now, since we all know how much the UM fans love their Grizzlies, let's go over a simple tutorial of how to create a perfect nickname for their campus celebrities. Now are these nicknames simply genius, or cliché and corny? You, America, be the judge.

Method #1: Easy as 1,2,3
Most people can count, so this is the easiest method to apply in regards to the nickname game. Take a player's number and simply find a well-known noun that correlates with that aforemen-

tioned jersey number. For example, UM point guard Cameron Rundles wears the No. 1, which coincidentally is the exact monetary value of a penny. Throw in Bryan "Dime" Ellis (who wears No. 10) and Gus "Nickel" Chase (by this point, if you can't figure out what number he wears, you're an idiot) and the Griz suddenly have a coin purse of talent to unleash on unsuspecting opponents.
Other examples: Laura "Prime Number" Cote.

Method #2: Entrepreneur
Professional sports are all about earning that big paycheck, which is why it doesn't hurt to have a nickname that could translate into a major endorsement deal. However, since NCAA sanctions forbid these collegiate athletes from collecting endorsement deals, UM should consider marketing individual players and parlaying their successes into some serious cash money.
Just imagine, the seconds are winding down on another night at Dahlberg Arena and all of a sudden the arena loudspeaker would crackle "The McDonald's player of the game is Mike 'And Ike' Chavez, whose shot is as sweet as caaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaandy!!!" In the end, Chavez would get some much-deserved credit, UM would get paid and hungry fans would be making late-night runs to drive-thrus and gas station candy aisles across

Missoula. Everybody wins, especially Mike and Ikes, which are delicious.
Other examples: Matt "Dunkin' Donuts" Dlouhy, Greg "Spaghetti" Spurgetis and Kyle Sharp "As the Nails from Home Depot."

Method #3: Hometown Heroes
In this scenario, everybody wins. The players get to show some hometown pride while mama and all the kinfolk back home get a lil' love. For example, take Lady Griz forward Jo Closson, a Whitefish native that is averaging 9.5 points and 6.4 rebounds this year for the Big Sky Conference-leading Lady Griz. Now, those statistics alone should be intimidating enough to conference foes, but how much more impressive would those stats be if they were being notched by "The Whitefish Warrior"? Huh, huh?
Other examples: Zach "The Sacramento Saint" Graves, Betsy "The Wyoming Wizard," Snead, Austin "The Santa Cruz Soldier" Swift or Dana Conway, "The Magic City Marvel."

Method #4: Abusing Alliteration
Journalists love word games, which makes giving nicknames to athletes whose first and last names begin the same letter all the more fun. Nothing says Pulitzer like constant references to Mandy "Magic" Morales or Matt "Murda" Martin.

Method #5: Testing that Pop Culture Knowledge
Sometimes, an athlete doesn't fall into any of the previous four categories and that could leave some people scrambling to come up with a nickname. This is where absurd pop culture references and the ability to rhyme come in handy. The University has already picked up on this trend with such classic nicknames as Andrew Strait "To the Basket" and Jordan Hasquet "Rhymes with Basket" but they can do better. Let's say, Lady Griz sophomore center Tamara Guardipee is just tearing it up, collecting points and rebounds like Anna Nicole Smith's baby collects potential fathers. Nothing would be more devastating to an opponent's morale than hearing over the loudspeakers "Grizzly bucket by Tamara 'Ain't No Gardin' Me.'" (If you hate that reference, blame Kaimin editor Peter "Bullet" Bulger, that was his brainchild.)
Other examples: Sonya "There Are the People in the Neighborhood" Rogers and Stephanie "Return to" Stender.

Oh, and by the way, these nicknames are officially copyrighted, so I'm entitled to royalties if these ballas land any endorsement deals. Seriously, if Spurgetis lands a deal with the Olive Garden, I will sue.

Griz give up road loss to first-place Wildcats

The University of Montana men's basketball team was dealt a serious blow Wednesday night in its quest to host the Big Sky Conference tournament. The Griz were upended by Weber State 73-67 in Ogden, Utah.
With the loss, Montana (14-12, 8-5 BSC) now falls two games behind the first place Wildcats (18-10, 11-4 BSC). The Griz have four conference games remaining while Weber State, who will be idle for nearly two weeks, can clinch the regular season championship outright with a win in its season finale at Sacramento State on Feb. 26.
Montana grabbed a late 56-52 lead on a three-pointer by sophomore Jordan Hasquet with 5:30 left in the game, but Weber State would rally and regain the lead 58 seconds later and never trail again. WSU went on an 11-8 run in the final three minutes to close out the Griz.
Montana was led by senior guard Bryan Ellis, who had a career-high 17 points. After missing Montana's last two games with an illness, junior forward Andrew Strait, UM's leading scorer this season, scored just five points in 33 minutes of action.
Senior David Patten led Weber State with 21 points.
Montana is next in action when it hosts a non-conference game against Pacific on Saturday.

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